MEETING MINUTES

WATER QUALITY ASSURANCE REVOLVING FUND ADVISORY BOARD

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ March 25, 2005

Board Members in attendance:

Richard Bark Rick Lavis
Don Richey Karen Gaylord
Glinda Oakes Frank Corkhill
Jim Vieregg Tamara Huddleston
Karen O'Regan Nicholas Wallwork

Board Members Absent:

Lori Faeth

Lee SteinSteve BesichManuel RamirezKelly BarrDr. Bridget BeroWill Humble

Karen Masbruch

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Rick Lavis.

- I. Welcome/Opening Comments/Administrative Issues -
- II. Approval of February 25, 2005 minutes Ms. Karen O'Regan made a motion to adopt the draft February 25, 2005 minutes as drafted and Mr. Nick Wallwork seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **III. ADEQ Superfund: Department Report -** Mr. Don Richey mentioned that the task assignment to identify the inventory of current and historical dry cleaners is currently underway. Mr. Richey also discussed updates from various WQARF sites.

ADWR Report - Mr. Frank Corkhill informed the Board that 500 applications have been received for wells by or in WQARF sites. He indicated that the field crew began the well inventory in the West Van Buren area and has located about half of the wells. A meeting is being held on March 30 to discuss the migration of poor quality water.

IV. Committee Reports -

A. Budget and Finance Committee - Review of 2006 Finances Program

Mr. Nicholas Wallwork indicated that expenditures are normal for this
time of year and there is nothing particular to report. Discussion was held
on the handout "Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF)
Revenue A.R.S. §49-282." The next meeting will be April 21 at 10:00 at
ADEQ. Mr. Wallwork stated that the Committee is looking at: 1) Impacts
of settlements to WQARF liability; 2) Cost/benefit analysis of PRP

searches; and 3) Alternative actions to protect the WQARF fund, such as injunctive relief or citizen's suits. It was suggested that the Board discuss and look at the long term budget requirements and what will be able to be performed with less money.

B. Legislative Committee -

- 1. Status of Dry Cleaner Legislation Chairman Lavis reported that negotiations were held between the Board, ADEQ and the dry cleaner coalition and no agreement was reached. He indicated that the bill appears to be dead this year, but Van indicated that may work with the Governor's Office to keep it alive. Mr. Lee Stein recommended that we develop a strategy now for next year as opposed to waiting. Mr. Richey agreed with Mr. Stein and indicated that ADEQ is attempting to become an active member of the State Coalition for the Remediation of Dry Cleaners.
- 2. <u>Duplicate Reports</u> Mr. Richard Bark indicated that SB 1419 passed out of the House unanimously.
- 3. <u>2006 Appropriations</u> Mr. Bark indicated that this is still being negotiated.
- 4. <u>Sunset Legislation</u> Mr. Bark indicated that ADEQ's Sunset was passed out of the Senate 20-8 giving ADEQ 10 more years. It still has to go to the House.
- 5. <u>DEQ "Accountability" Reports</u> No new information.
- **C. Funding Priorities Committee -** Ms. Gaylord stated that the last meeting was cancelled. She indicated that the Committee will discuss whether to revisit the Board policy to request EPA assistance for: 1) for new sites; 2) where there are no working parties; and 3) where there is no potential for cost recovery. Ms. Gaylord indicated that no decisions will be made.
- V. Other Business None
- **VI. Public Comment -** The Pinal Creek WQARF site mailer was handed out and the Open House on March 31, 2005 was announced.
- **VII. Adjournment -** Ms. O' Regan made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Wallork seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.